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SUBJECT: SCHEDULED MEETING WITH LIBYAN CHARGE MARCH 28

1. WE ANTICIPATE LIBYAN WILL PRESENT A NOTE ON THE C-130
INCIDENT TO THE DEPARTMENT AT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 10:15
EST TODAY. WE EXPECT REPLY WILL BE SHARP AND POLEMICAL.
IN THAT EVENT, WE EXPECT TO REPLY ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

A. WE REGRET THAT LIBYA HAS SEEN FIT TO MAKE A REPLY
SO UNSATISFACTORY IN TONE TO A THOROUGHLY APPROPRIATE
DIPLOMATIC PROTEST.

B. WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE CLAIM THAT THE UNITED STATES
AIRCRAFT INVOLVED WAS IN LIBYAN TERRITORIAL AIR SPACE.
AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY INFORMED THE LIBYANS, WE DO NOT
FIND ANY BASIS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW FOR THEIR EXTENSION
OF A ZONE OUT TO 100 NM. WE WILL CONTINUE TO RESERVE
OUR RIGHTS OF TRANSIT THROUGH WHAT IS GENERALLY ACCEPTED
AS INTERNATIONAL AIR SPACE.

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C. THE UNITED STATES DESIRES GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE
LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC. WE HAVE SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS IN
COMMON. WE WISH TO RESOLVE SUCH DIFFERENCES AS EXIST IN
A BUSINESS- LIKE MANNER. WE CANNOT, HOWEVER, ACCEPT AS
SATISFACTORY, OR CONSONANT WITH, A BUSINESS- LIKE RESOLUTION
OF OUR DIFFERENCES, THE REPLY PRESENTED BY THE CHARGE.
2. IF, AS WE EXPECT, LIBYANS PUBLICIZE THEIR REPLY, WE
WILL INSTRUCT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TO STATE WE HAVE
DECLINED TO ACCEPT THE REPLY, SINCE WE REGARD IT AS
UNSATISFACTORY IN BOTH FORM AND SUBSTANCE. ROGERS UNQUOTE
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